[*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 13].

Show cause notices are issued only after investigation reveals violation of any provisions of law.

Promotion of domestic tourism

297. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that adequate steps have not been taken by Government to promote domestic tourism in the country for low budget tourists;

(b) if so, what steps are being contemplated by Government in this regard;

(c) what are the details of projects undertaken by Government for promotion of domestic tourism during the last three years; and

(d) whether Government propose to introduce some low budget packages for the domestic tourists and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) No. Sir. For the promotion of domestic tourism for low budget tourists, the Central Ministry of Tourism has established Bharatiya Yatri Avas Vikas Samiti, a registered society, which undertakes the construction, maintenance and management of Yatrikas/Musafirkhanas/ Dharamshalas in various parts of the country. Funds to the extent of 90 per cent of the cost of construction are provided by the Central Ministry of Tourism, the balance is raised by the Samiti through donations whereas the land is provided by the concerned State Governments. Yatrikas have already been constructed at Amarkantak, Chitrakoot, Bidar, Nandmehar, Kampil, Onkareshwar and Brindavan. Construction is in progress at 10 other places.

In addition, the Ministry of Tourism, during the last 3 years, have sanctioned the construction of 19 Yatri Niwases in various parts of the country. The Ministry of Tourism has provided funds for the construction of wayside amenities, tourist bungalows, forest lodges as well as vehicles/elephants for viewing wild life in various National Parks and wild life sanctuaries.

The Ministry of Tourism, during 1986-87, ran a publicity campaign for highlighting the lessser known but more affordable places for family holidays for low budget tourists. The "Discover India-Discover Yourself" slogan was brought out in stickers and posters apart from media advertisements to create general awareness amongst the people for the promotion of domestic tourism.

(d) The Central Ministry of Tourism does not operate package tours. However, India Tourism Development Corporation has introduced various package tours of 3 to 7 days duration on 6 different itineraries covering practically all parts of the country. In addition, they also operate city sight-seeing packages at various places of tourist interest.

Shifting of a Garbage site in South Extension, New Delhi

298. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2232 given in the the Rajya Sabha on the 27th November, 1986 and state:

(a) what efforts have been made by Government to make available a suitable site for dumping of garbage in some other area;

(b) whether it is a fact that garbage site near N-11 and 13, South Extension Part-I is creating pollution and is a health hazard to the public;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the office of American Embassy is located just opposite this garbage site and the Embassy officials have often protested against its continuance there; and